Forest Order No. 05-15-51-21-18 Sierra National Forest Merced River Recreation Site, Road and Trail Closure Order

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Sierra National Forest. This Order is effective from August 29, 2021, through September 26, 2021.

- 1. Entering or using the Developed Recreation Sites listed in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(b).
- 2. Being on the National Forest System roads listed in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
- 3. Being on the National Forest System trails listed in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 2. Persons with a Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions contained in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Clovis, California on August 28, 2021.

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